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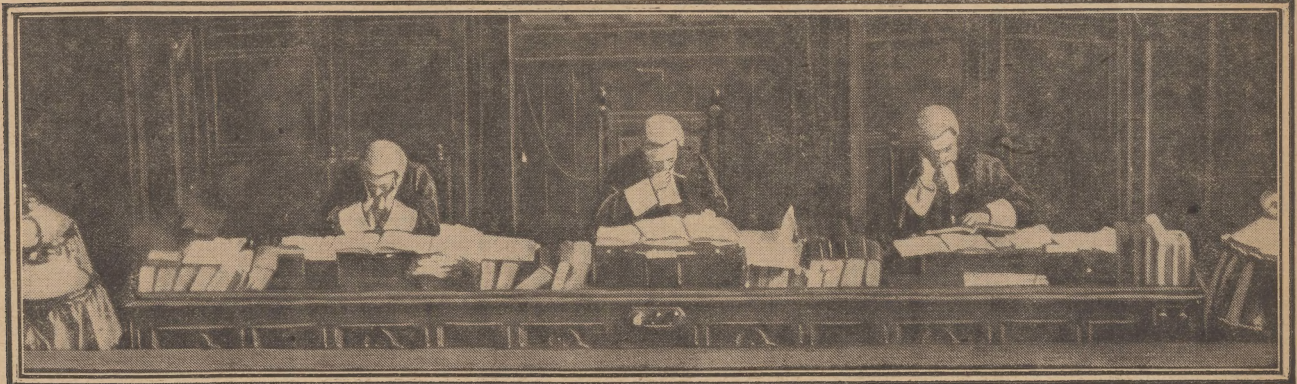
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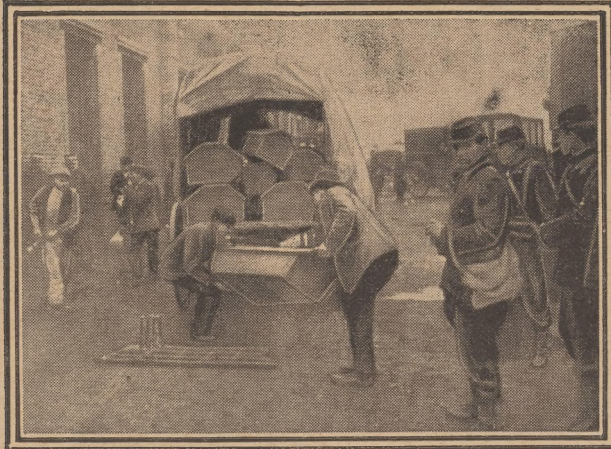
JUDGES TRY THE CASE OF A FELLOW JUDGE.



Remarkable snapshot taken in court yesterday by a *Daily Mirror* photographer of three Judges of Appeal hearing the appeal of Mrs. Kenneth Grahame and Miss Winifred Thompson in their action against their stepfather, Lord Justice Fletcher Moul-

ton. On the left is Lord Justice Cozens-Hardy; in the centre, the Master of the Rolls, Sir Richard Henn Collins; on the right, Lord Justice Romer. Yesterday was occupied in reading the evidence taken in the court below, and the case was adjourned.

STRIKING SNAPSHOTS AT THE SCENE OF THE GREAT COLLIERY DISASTER AT COURRIERES.



So many have been killed in the Courrières disaster that a special train load of coffins was sent from Paris.



Bringing out bodies from the pit. Although nearly 1,200 are known to have perished, but few bodies have yet been recovered.



On the left is a photograph of the crowd waiting outside the colliery gates across which a line of mounted gendarmes is drawn. Even the roofs are covered with men waiting

to see the bodies brought out. In the centre are a few of the miners who escaped with their lives. On the right is an ambulance leaving the colliery with injured miners.

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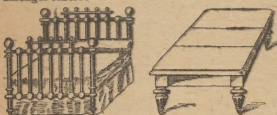
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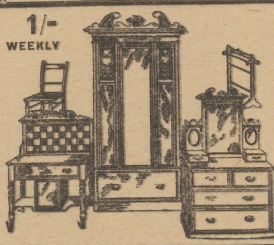
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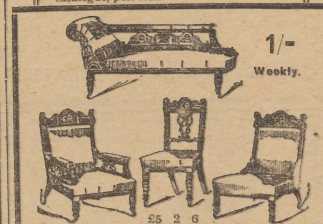


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SNOW AND FLOODS.

Reign of Wintry Weather Throughout the Country.

March is making us pay heavily for the brief, delightful glimpse of summer she gave last week. The wintry spell, which it was hoped had reached head with the snowstorms, gales, and floods of Monday, increased in bitterness yesterday. Nearly all the United Kingdom lay under snow in the morning, and biting winds and a severe frost increased the general discomfort, while at sea a heavy toll of lives was exacted by the gales. The most serious shipping disaster was the loss in the North Sea of the Goole steamer Colne with twelve men. Floods again resulted from the high tides on the East Coast yesterday, but they were fortunately of less serious character than those of the previous day.

TERRIBLE SCENES AT WRECK.

Captain Townsley and six members of the crew of the Goole steamer Colne were landed at Ramsgate yesterday by a smack, which had picked them up at sea. The captain said that early in the morning, when they were near the Dutch coast, the cargo shifted, and the vessel listed, filling quickly with water. "I saw my ship was doomed, and launched the small lifeboat. By this time some of the crew had been washed off the deck, and four of the crew, acting on my instructions, got clear of the steamer in the boat and rowed away a short distance. "I was telling the rest of the crew to get ready to jump into the boat, if she came alongside again, when a heavy sea washed across the steamer and carried me over the rail into the water. "Two more of the crew had jumped overboard and clambered into the boat, but they could not bring her alongside again on account of the heavy seas. "They threw a line and towed me through the seas until they could lift me into the boat. "We had scarcely left the steamer when she went down, and no more was seen either of her or of our twelve shipmates. "We seven sat in our boat for an hour and a half before we saw the Ramsgate smack Uncle Dick that rescued us." "All but one of the twelve men drowned were married," said Hugh Gardner, the only fireman saved, "and I dread to think of my return to Goole to-morrow and see those eleven widows come to meet us."

PRAYERS WHEN WAVE STRIKES LINER.

Captain Mills, of the liner Philadelphia, which was arrived at New York yesterday, speaking in the New York Herald, said that he has never seen such a mountain of water as he encountered during the voyage. The ship was proceeding in an ordinary sea, when suddenly an immense wave swept over the bow, carrying away part of the bowsprit and mashing the door of the officers' deckhouse. It then descended into the drawing-room on the main deck and poured in a cascade down the companion way to the main saloon, where a concert was in progress. Men and women dropped on their knees in prayer and others rushed on deck. The ship reeled and quivered under the shock, but after five minutes the officers managed to calm the terrified passengers.

CHANGE OF TEMPERATURE.

Within a week the temperature in the metropolis has fallen by nearly 40 deg., 6 deg. in the shade having been registered on Wednesday last, and 4 deg. yesterday afternoon. Similar changes have been experienced over the country. London were an unaccustomed mantle of snow in the early hours, but the white covering was speedily reduced to slush, although the wind and sun-shine soon brought the streets and pavements into pleasant conditions.

A traveller arrived at Grimsby yesterday with the wreck of the Grimsby steamer Beechwood, which had foundered in the North Sea.

Search parties made fruitless efforts yesterday to discover traces of the two marines—a stoker and seaman—whose lives were lost from a boat of the battleship Duncan, at Castletown, Berehaven, on Monday night.

BASINGSTOKE ELECTION RIOTS.

Disgraceful Scenes on the Result of a Unionist Victory.

TOWN HALL BESIEGED.

Amid great excitement the result of the Basingstoke election was declared yesterday afternoon, as follows:—

T. C. Salter, K.C. (U.T.R.)	4,852
H. W. Verney (L.)	4,592
Ernest Polden (L.L.)	467
U. majority	260.

At the recent general election the Unionist candidate (the late A. F. Jeffreys) defeated Mr. Verney by 120 votes.

The result was extremely distasteful to a large section of the crowd which gathered round the town hall to hear the poll declared.

When Mr. Salter appeared to return thanks, a number of missiles were thrown at him, including several rotten oranges. One man was arrested by the police for throwing a stone.

But the object of the supreme wrath of the howl-



MR. T. C. SALTER, K.C.

ing mob was Mr. Polden, who had contested the seat as an Independent Liberal, and split the vote. It was not deemed safe for him to leave the town hall, where he was besieged all the afternoon by an angry crowd.

The police made an attempt to clear the mob away towards evening, but could make no impression upon the excited election crowd.

At five o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Polden, tired of his unwonted captivity, determined to make a dash for liberty.

His escape was effected in a private omnibus, which was driven at full speed out of the yard in the direction of Old Basing-road.

Here his motor-car was waiting for him, but he had first to run the gauntlet of some hundreds of angry electors, who nearly succeeded in upsetting the omnibus.

Even in the motor-car he was not safe, for the car broke down. The unfortunate candidate made for Hook Station afoot, and took special train to Farnborough.

"A JUDGE'S MEMORY."

Mr. James Welch's Second Venture as Actor-Manager at Terry's Theatre.

Mr. Welch has gone back to white hair and tremulous utterance. He has once more a part which mingles pathos with humour. In a word, he is at his best in several scenes of Mr. Brandon Thomas's new play, "A Judge's Memory," which was produced last night at Terry's Theatre. The only pity is that Mr. Welch is not given more to do.

Mr. Fraser (that is Mr. Welch's part) is an old coster, who has come into a huge fortune and been turned into a "gentleman." He has a son, but the boy has been brought up away from him. This was one of the conditions of his inheriting the fortune. Mr. Fraser, therefore, poses merely as his guardian.

The boy loves the ward of a retired Judge. Unfortunately, in his early youth Mr. Fraser appeared before this Judge, and was sent to prison by him for a crime of which he was innocent. The Judge and his wife both recall his face. Problem: how to reconcile them to the match?

It is said that Mr. Thomas works out this problem with much skill, but he provides some fair opportunities for acting.

THE PRINCE AND THE KHAN.

QUETTA, Tuesday.—The Prince of Wales to-day returned the visit of the Khan of Kelat and afterwards inspected the fortifications of the city. A state dinner in his Royal Highness's honour was given this evening at the Residency.—Reuter.

KAISER HELPS MINERS

Band of Westphalian Volunteers Work in Courrières Colliery.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LENS, Tuesday.—Splendid work is being done at No. 2 Pit by the gang of twenty-two German volunteers, who, at the suggestion of the Kaiser, yesterday crossed the border and placed themselves at the service of the company's engineers.

They come from the Shamrock mine in Westphalia, where fire-damp is so common that special means have had to be adopted to cope with the ever-present danger. The apparatus employed by the Germans—a metal head-mask, with a tube attached to a bag of oxygen, which hangs on the back between the shoulders—is utterly unknown in France.

Immediately on their arrival they asked to be allowed to make the trial of descending Shaft 2, which is so choked with foul gases that it has had to be left unvisited. Accompanied by the chief engineer of the Courrières Company and several assistants, the German team was lowered into the shaft and remained below fifty minutes.

Then the warning bell sounded its five strokes, and the cage was slowly raised again to the surface. The Germans, thanks to their breathing apparatus, had succeeded in penetrating to a depth of nearly 2,000ft., and twenty-five bodies had been recovered.

By midnight successive journeys yielded a total of 100 bodies from the same shaft. All were, of course, in an advanced state of decomposition, and had to be immediately placed in coffins. The Germans have succeeded in exploring every gallery in this pit.

To-day the women of Merincourt and the surrounding villages buried such of their dead as they have been able to identify.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST OPENED.

PARIS, Tuesday.—The Bank of France has opened a subscription list for the relatives of the victims of the Courrières disaster, heading the list with a donation of 50,000 francs (£2,000).

The Sugar Trade Syndicate has sent a sum of 2,000 francs (£80) for the relief of the sufferers.—Reuter.

MOROCCO MUDDLE.

German Delegates at Algiers Cause Deadlock and Delay.

The situation at the Algiers Conference has again become one of extreme tension.

It is impossible now to fix the date for the next sitting of the Conference, as the German delegates are waiting for fresh instructions. The question of the State Bank remains as far from settlement as ever, Germany refusing to allow France the number of shares she demands.

The policing question has been further complicated, it is stated, by the suggestion of a fourth scheme by Switzerland. Three schemes, put forward by France, Austria-Hungary, and Morocco respectively, are already being considered by a drafting committee.

GREAT VOLCANIC ERUPTION.

Stream of Lava Three-Quarters of a Mile Wide Destroys Three Villages.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—Advices from Honolulu state that the active Sierra reports that a volcano on Savaii Island, Samoa, is in eruption on a large scale.

Three villages have been completely destroyed, including Malaeda. The lava stream is three-quarters of a mile wide, and is flowing into the sea.

The Government has chartered a steamer to remove the women and children from the danger zone.—Reuter.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

King Edward left Biarritz yesterday for a ride in his motor-car, lunching at Cambo and visiting several of the most beautiful spots of the Basque country.

A serious collision occurred yesterday between the police and the students at Budapest. The university has been closed.

The Bristol City Council yesterday unanimously decided to confer the honorary freedom of the city upon Viscount St. Aldwyn (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach).

The Pretoria branch of the African Political Association—a native organisation—has adopted a resolution urging upon the Imperial Government the recognition of the claims of the natives to the franchise.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Variable gusty breezes; occasional rain (sleet or snow in the east and north, with fair intervals; continuing cold, frost morning and night. Lighting-up time, 7.0 p.m. Sea passages will be moderate generally.

RECORD GOVERNMENT MAJORITY.

474 to 98 For Free Trade in the Fiscal Debate.

TWO ERRING MEMBERS

Ordered by the Speaker to Resume Their Seats for Leaving the Point.

The fiscal debate ended last night just before the dinner hour in a colossal majority for the Government and free trade of 376. The actual figures were:—

For Sir James Kitson's motion	474
Against	98

This is the greatest majority attained by any Government for generations.

The speeches yesterday did not rise to the spirited level of the previous day, when the Prime Minister employed rather masterful tactics with Mr. Balfour, charging the ex-Premier with fooling away the time of the House. On neither day were any memorable speeches delivered.

For several hours yesterday members debated an amendment to Sir James Kitson's resolution proposed by Mr. Stuart Wortley, a front bench man on the Opposition side. He moved to omit the words which declared that the country had recorded its fidelity to free trade. The member for Sheffield is a somewhat military-looking man, and wears glasses.

Quietly, yet incisively, he criticised the Ministers, who one by one took their departure as the orator ploughed along.

Mr. Herbert Paul—Mr. Birrell's rival in neatly-turned phrase-making—followed. "I have never," he said, "regarded free trade as a panacea. It would not prevent death or cure the toothache, but it has a direct influence on the home trade."

"When I hear," he proceeded, "Mr. Balfour declare that protectionists have never understood the meaning of protection, and that free traders have never understood the meaning of free trade, my fancy wanders to the convivial orator, who began and ended his speech by saying: 'I perceive this country is drunk!'"

MEMBER BIDDEN RESUME HIS SEAT.

A singular misfortune befell Sir Francis Lowe, the Conservative member for the Edgbaston Division of Birmingham.

He was three times called to order by the Speaker for irrelevancy, and then, as he did not take the courteous hint, was called upon to resume his seat.

When Mr. Balfour rose the House quickly filled. He spoke for a quarter of an hour. He described the words proposed to be left out as "a perfectly gratuitous addition to a perfectly gratuitous resolution."

"One hon. member," he said gaily, "has done me the honour to say that perhaps the most powerful motive which brought his friends into power is general detestation on the part of the British public of the speeches, methods, and policy which I individually and personally have pursued during the last ten years."

"Yes," roared the Liberals, and bang went the cheers.

"That may be a good or a bad motive," continued the ex-Premier. "It may show wisdom or folly on the part of those who hold it. But good or bad, it is not the motive mentioned in the resolution." Quite enough time had already been taken up by a wholly unnecessary controversy.

LABOUR PARTY'S POSITION.

Mr. Keir Hardie, wearing a large red tie, explained the position of his party. They would vote against the amendment. "At the same time, we hold that the House might have been more profitably engaged in redeeming some of the promises on the strength of which the Government won so handsomely at the elections."

A characteristic speech from Mr. Rowland Hunt, one of the parliamentary entertainers, amused the House. He gave his experiences of the late election.

"Because I was a Catholic," he tearfully confessed, "a no-Popery cry was raised, and canvassers even went the length of telling the cottagers that if I was elected their children would be burned!" The House rocked with laughter.

Mr. Hunt wandered irrelevantly on. Twice the Speaker pulled him up. Still the hon. member rambled.

"You had better resume your seat," said Mr. Lowther, gently but firmly, and amid general titters Mr. Hunt brought his oration to a premature close.

Mr. Wyndham moved an amendment expressing the willingness of the House to consider any scheme of taxation framed to secure more equal treatment for British trade and closer commercial union with the Colonies or for purposes of revenue. He spoke for over an hour.

Before there was time to second the amendment the Prime Minister rose and moved the closure, whereupon the House divided, and the fiscal debate concluded in the overwhelming majority in favour of the Government.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S USELESS STEAMERS.

No More Capital To Be Expended on the Thames Fleet.

The long-promised verbal battle on the Thames steamboat service took place at the meeting of the London County Council yesterday, when the Progressive Party was so far defeated as to accept an amendment moved by Sir Melville Beachcroft that no more capital should be expended on the steam-boats without the express sanction of the Council.

The excess votes of £5,000 on the boats and £20,000 on the piers were passed, but not without a debate, during which the Rivers Committee were severely criticised by Colonels Rotton and Colville.

Sir Melville Beachcroft suggested that the Council should cut their loss of £51,000 and hand over the concern to some company, who would pay them a sufficient rate of interest on the £212,000 expended.

Colonel Rotton said the committee had not properly surveyed the piers before they bought them; that they forgot all about providing coal hulks for the boats; never dreamed that the sponson booms needed more strength than the designer gave; that they had never discovered, until they purchased the piers, that some of them were actually unsafe for the public to use; and that they really hoodwinked the Council by underestimating all the expenditure.

Committee Capitulates.

"The chief of muddlers" was the term applied by Colonel Colville to the chairman of the Rivers Committee. This brought up Mr. Gilbert, warm with passion, to defend his position and that of his committee.

He, however, admitted the disappointing failure of the experiment. He hotly pressed against insinuations that the committee had cooked their accounts, and pathetically asked the Council what else the committee could do but accept the arbitrators' awards, which went against the committee to the extent of £25,000 for boats and piers.

Mr. Gilbert pleaded for more time, declaring that if the were given time they would eventually work up a paying traffic. Cries of "Never" from a score of throats greeted this prophecy. Then Mr. Gilbert capitulated and accepted Sir Melville Beachcroft's drastic proposal.

Mr. Whittaker Thompson was, however, not in the mood to allow the committee to escape so lightly. If the gallant colonel had chastised them with whips, Mr. Thompson chastised them with scorpions. He pinned the responsibility for the disastrous speculation upon the members who voted for a winter service.

STAGE WRESTLING.

Important Action in Scotch Courts Concerning Madrali, the Terrible Turk.

In the Edinburgh Court of Session yesterday extraordinary revelations were made concerning wrestling contests.

Antonio Pierri, the well-known wrestler, has raised an action against Bernard Armstrong, manager of a Glasgow theatre, for £120, the week's remuneration of a troupe of wrestlers, of which he is manager, and of which Madrali, the Terrible Turk, is a member.

The defendant pleads breach of contract, and alleges that when Madrali appears on the stage plaintiff has seated in the audience certain members of his troupe. When Madrali issues his challenge one of the troupe rises and dramatically accepts a supposed genuine match, which is then contested on the stage, the whole object being to gull the public.

The case was sent for discussion.

WOMEN AS WAR SHIELDS.

General Wood's Remarkable Explanation of the Recent Fighting in the Philippines.

MANILA, Tuesday.—General Wood, replying to Mr. Taft's inquiry for an explanation as to the alleged deaths of the women and children in the battle of Dajo Hill, states that there was no wanton destruction of women and children.

Many of them were killed because the Moros used them as shields in the hand-to-hand fighting, and because many of the women, clad in male attire, were fighting desperately, so that it was impossible to distinguish sex.—Reuter.

According to a Laffan's telegram, the outlaws feigned death, and slashed at the hospital men ministering to the wounded. Many leaped headlong from the crater's edge into the climbing force of Americans in a death grip, assault and the rolling down the precipice. They scorned surrender—even on the operating table some of the surgeons.

Ann Spicer was yesterday elected chairman of the London County Council for the ensuing year.

WASTE OF TIME IN PARLIAMENT.

The Premier Foreshadows Important Scheme of Reform.

APPLYING WASTE ENERGY

"What are we going to do with our majority?" asked Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, replying to the toast of his health at the Reform Club banquet last night.

The first thing, he said, they had to do was to get fair play for it, and fair play they had not at present.

For thirty-eight years he had been a member of the House of Commons, and all that time he had been a believer in advanced Liberal politics, but on every occasion he had come down to the House of Commons knowing that he should find his pet notions and his brilliant ideas whittled down and compromised, and many times abandoned altogether, because of the weak and partial support received from a large portion of the party itself.

Consequently they were sacrificed to the forces of reaction. But what did he find now? He found that they, who were ready to stand a good deal, could not keep pace with them. They had to deal with a new kind of member of Parliament altogether.

There had been in the last election a remarkable outburst of feeling in the country. Some people talked of Chinese labour, others of the Education Act; but he did not admit that either of them, or even the great fiscal issue, embraced all the reasons for the great turnover which they had witnessed.

Tired of Talk.

The real reason of the Liberal triumph was that the country was sick of dilettantism in politics, and tired of dilly-dallying with speech and with politics and phrase and waste of time in the House of Commons. Let them make an end of those qualities in their legislative action now that they had the chance.

At the very moment when Parliament was overburdened with work there was this army of ardent and eager politicians wandering about the lobbies, and wondering whether there would be anything for them to do. It was a paradox not only ludicrous, but mischievous, that they should have all this wealth, energy, learning, and eagerness all ready to hand and yet be unable to use it. (Hear, hear.) He had been in favour of a strong and drastic reform in the rules and procedure of the House of Commons, and for that purpose the most important thing that they had done yet—even more important than putting on the closure to-day, though not less necessary—(laughter and applause)—was the appointment of a Select Committee under the presidency of Sir Henry Fowler. (Applause.) He trusted that while it would tackle the great question of the hours at which they were to meet and at which they were to go to bed—(laughter)—it would enable the House of Commons to discharge its duties with more success and advantage to the country.

He did not know that they might not adopt in this country the system which prevailed with advantage in other countries, whereby a great amount of detail work was done in committees, and the House itself was left free to settle great principles and to deal with great questions of administration as they arose. (Applause.)

Committee System.

He did not know whether this was possible, but he hoped that the committee would hit upon some way of achieving that purpose—with proper guarantees and safeguards, of course—so that nothing should be lost to those cautious protections of the public interest which they considered necessary. Not only would the business be accelerated, not only would the House of Commons vindicate its position again in the eyes of the country and of the world, but such a distribution of business would give attractiveness to the House of Commons so as to bring over a better and better class of men into it. (Applause.) It would train the members of the House of Commons for public duty, and he believed it would break down to a large extent those little asperities which at present necessarily sometimes marred their work by the provocation of party feeling to an extent greater than was desirable or advantageous.

In the body of the Liberals which the country had sent to the House of Commons—among whom he included the Labour men, who were for this purpose as good Liberals as any other—(applause)—the Government had a great engine at their disposal, and he hoped they would not waste its strength on the trivialities with which they had been accustomed to deal in the past. (Applause.) That was a great ideal and conception, he thought, of the duty of their party.

MRS. LEWIS WALLER ILL.

It was announced during a case in Mr. Justice Ridley's court yesterday that Mrs. Lewis Waller, the well-known actress, was at Algiers, suffering so severely from a nervous breakdown that her doctor would not allow her to undertake the journey to London.

Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., says the Commons do Nothing but Talk.

EARLIER HOURS WANTED.

Mr. Will Thorne, Labour M.P. for South West Ham, has given to the "Daily Mirror" his impressions founded on three weeks' experience of the new Parliament. It is interesting to see how the archaic customs of the House of Commons strike a man used to the methods of trade union conferences and municipal bodies.

My candid opinion of the present Parliament is that it has done nothing but waste time during its three weeks' existence.

Neither the Liberal nor the Unionist Party seems anxious to make any progress in the methods of procedure, and there is no attempt to curtail the speeches and bring them within reasonable limits as was promised on a good many platforms during the general election.

As for the political machinery, it strikes me as being absolutely inadequate to deal with the questions with which it ought immediately to cope. In the first place, the rules of procedure want altering from top to bottom.

Plea for Early Hours.

What many of our party suggest is that the House should not meet later than twelve noon and adjourn not later than nine o'clock, with one hour's interval. Then, if members would cultivate the habit of short speeches, the business would be greatly facilitated. As it is, members often repeat exactly what previous speakers have said.

I am quite convinced that a two hours' debate is sufficient for a member to make up his mind on most questions. Take the fiscal problem we have been discussing yesterday and to-day (Tuesday). Why, all of us had made up our minds on the subject before ever we started, so that it really means that two valuable days have been wasted when they might have been devoted to useful business.

The method of voting, too, is simply ridiculous. At least twenty minutes are wasted each time a division is taken. At our Trade Union Congresses, where there are sometimes 500 delegates present, we can take a division in something like half that time.



MR. WILL THORNE.

time. The Americans have a system of recording votes which I think we might adopt. Every member could be supplied with a certain number of voting-cards each day. These "For" or "Against," he could deposit in a box provided for the purpose, and then, while the tellers were counting them, the business of the House might be gone on with uninterruptedly.

What the House Has Done.

To anyone like myself who has been used to many years of active life on municipal bodies this wilful waste of time is deplorable and disheartening. In three weeks' time we have only accomplished what any business-like local council would have done at a single sitting.

So far Parliament has

1. Abolished flogging in the Navy.
2. Relegated the feeding of school-children to a Select Committee.
3. Shelved the payment of members.

With regard to the abolition of flogging in the Navy, this could practically have been done by a responsible Minister, and need not have been discussed in the House at all. In the case of No. 2 I am afraid that unless we push the matter along it will fall through.

The payment of members is merely a pious opinion and nothing will come of it—at least, I very much doubt if this Parliament will do anything in the matter at all unless it is for the purpose of obtaining votes. The Prime Minister said he had no money for the purpose.

Not a single Government Bill has been brought forward. It seems to me they are not prepared to bring up any measure yet, and that they are simply wasting time until they are ready.

WILL THORNE.

OLDEST SUFFRAGETTE.

Death of Miss Anthony, Well-Known American Advocate of Woman's Rights.

From New York comes a message that Susan Brownell Anthony, famous throughout the world for her strenuous advocacy of woman's rights, died of pneumonia yesterday.

On February 20 Miss Anthony celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday. The occasion was marked by one of the most amazing dinner-parties ever given. To this birthday dinner, known throughout the United States as "Aunt Susan's party," were invited all the most famous American women.

There were not six men present in a gathering of 393 people, and those who attended were there



MISS SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

on sufferance—because they happened to be husbands of famous women.

The dinner was held at the Astor Hotel, and at each table sat representatives of the various women's professions. The twenty-five tables were arranged as follows:—

Miss Anthony and friends.	Miss Anthony and friends.
Women clergymen.	Women lawyers.
Women doctors.	Women artists.
Women singers.	Women writers.
Women poets.	Women musicians.
Women engineers.	Women oculists.
Women editors.	Women sculptors.
Women architects.	Women designers.
Women dentists.	Women philanthropists.
Women dressmakers.	Women inspectors.
Women humorists.	Women in Civil Service.
Women milliners.	Club women.
Trained nurses.	Actresses.

After the dinner the old lady spoke smilingly of another dinner she was planning for next year, and added: "I shall expect you all to come as my guests next time."

FRIEND'S SACRIFICE.

Macclesfield Man Dies in His Effort To Save the Life of John Bright's Grandson.

The death of Mr. Roth, John Bright's grandson, in consequence of the terrible accident at Bright's Mills, Rochdale, on Monday, is marked by a tale of heroic self-sacrifice.

It transpires that Mr. D. Neave, of Macclesfield, the old school-friend who was visiting Mr. Roth for the week-end, was only slightly injured by the bursting of the steam valve. But, instead of saving himself, he made an heroic effort to save Mr. Roth, who was lying terribly injured, and in doing this was badly scalded.

In his agony he walked 300 yards to Rose Hill, telephoned to Dr. Hill, of Manchester, and died from his injuries a few hours later. Mr. Roth and Mr. Neave will be buried together, probably to-day, in the Friends' burial ground at Rochdale.

DELUSIONS AND DEPRESSION.

South African Financier Takes His Own Life While Suffering from Morbid Fancies.

Francis Lowrey, the South African financier who was found dead with a razor wound in his throat in his rooms in the Temple, was stated at the inquest yesterday to have been suffering from delusions and depression.

He had a breakdown in health some time ago, and was then advised by a specialist to go to a health resort in Germany.

Last September he was certified to be insane, and was kept in Moorcroft Asylum, near Usbridge, until December, when he was released on leave with an attendant for a month. One of his delusions was in regard to telepathy.

PRINCESS ENA TO STAY AT OSBORNE.

Princess Ena, who is betrothed to the King of Spain, will leave Kensington Palace next Friday with her mother, Princess Henry of Battenberg, for Osborne.

King Alfonso will visit the Princess and her mother there after Easter.

ROKEBY VELASQUEZ IN ITS NEW HOME.

The Rokeby Velasquez, the famous picture recently acquired for the nation, will to-day be taken to the National Gallery.

SECRETS OF LOOPING THE LOOP.

Judge on People Who Like To See
Life Risked.

DAMAGES FOR ARTIST.

The sensation of the century. Original Looping of the Loop. Most gigantic and most costly act ever produced on any stage.

Thus were the daring deeds of Miss Hamilla Louisa Margaret Stamirowski advertised before some little while ago, she performed to an audience of Sunderland wonder-gazers.

But after having gone round four times safely the poor young lady heard an ominous click when her machine was about to turn its sensational somersault at the fifth attempt. Down came the bicycle, and herself with it. When she regained consciousness she was lying in the Sunderland Infirmary.

Yesterday the scene changed to the Lord Chief Justice's Court in the King's Bench, where Miss Stamirowski asked Mr. Justice Darling and a jury to award her damages against the promoter of the "sensation." Contributory negligence was urged in defence.

30s. a Week for Looping.

With regard to the costliness of the sensation, Miss Stamirowski, who is a fragile-looking little woman, stated by her counsel to have once danced at the Alhambra, said that her own share of the expense was extremely modest. She was paid thirty shillings a week for looping, having previously received ten shillings a week as a trick cyclist.

The young lady was handed a model of the loop, and she gave a practical illustration of its mysteries to the Court.

Her counsel, Mr. Le Breton, K.C., had previously described the apparatus. The bicycle used had arms extending from it with wheels at the ends. These wheels ran on flanges, and thus the machine was kept in position. The looping required nerve rather than skill.

A Trade Secret.

Taking the Court into her confidence, Miss Stamirowski added that an ordinary everyday bicycle was shown to the public before she went round.

The three-wheeled method of looping the loop, said Mr. Le Breton, had come into vogue since the disappearance of Diavolo, the original looper. The scientific curiosity of the Judge was aroused at this mention of "disappearance."

"Whither did he disappear?" his Lordship asked. "Did he disappear into space by centrifugal force?" (Laughter.)

Counsel: My Lord, he is at the present moment revelling in South Africa.

When Miss Stamirowski was a-looping she was secured to her bicycle by a snail attached to her shoulders and hooked under the saddle.

Counsel on the other side: Was that to keep your head in position?

"A kind of bearing-rein," suggested Mr. Justice Darling. (Laughter.)

During the case the Judge made some humorous remarks about the mental attitude of people who go to see other people risk their lives as follows:—

"The public would not care about such a show if they were sure the performer would not be killed."

"Self-preservation is the first law of Nature. The preservation of other people comes much later."

The jury ultimately awarded the young lady £250 damages.

PREMIER AND "INVASION OF 1910."

Question in Parliament About Advertising of the "Daily Mail's" New Serial Story.

Considerable interest was shown in the House of Commons yesterday in the "Daily Mail's" new serial story, "The Invasion of 1910," by William Le Queux, which begins to-day.

Mr. R. C. Lehmann asked the Premier whether his attention had been called to an advertisement of the story in the morning papers, and whether the Government would take any step to express any opinion to discourage the publication of matter of that sort calculated to prejudice our relations with other Powers.

The Premier said he did not know what step the Government could take in the matter. He thought they could do nothing.

BOY GAMBLERS IN LONDON.

Every day they saw boys of tender years handing coppers to betting men at street corners, and young girls contributing to clubs for spirits at Christmas, without a warning voice ever reaching them as to the pitfalls into which they were being lured, declared the Rev. C. S. Woodward at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, yesterday, in appealing for support for the South London Church Fund.

GIRL TEACHER'S RING.

Mr. Birrell's Decision as to the Dismissal of Miss Turner.

Has a pupil teacher a right to wear an engagement ring in school? If she insists on wearing it, have the school authorities right on their side in compelling her to resign?

These are the two delicate questions Mr. Birrell, as President of the Board of Education, has been called upon to decide. The question arose over the case of Miss Turner, of Rotherham, an eighteen-year-old pupil teacher, who was dismissed because she refused to remove her ring.

Yesterday, Mr. Birrell announced his decision, in answer to a parliamentary question by Mr. Patrick O'Brien. He says Miss Turner's dismissal must stand. He has no power to intervene.

The case is an interesting one. Some three weeks ago, while in class as a pupil teacher's centre, Miss Hodge, the headmistress, called out to Miss Turner: "Please remove that ring from your finger." The young pupil teacher explained that it was her engagement ring, and that she wore it with the consent of her parents. On Miss Hodge persisting in the matter Miss Turner said that she would consult her father as to what she should do.

Her father advised her not to remove the ring, and a few days later she was sent for by Mr. Howarth, the principal of the centre, who said: "You have refused to obey Miss Hodge's orders, and must go home."

Mr. Turner objected to this decision, but the committee refused to let his daughter's defence, and Miss Turner was told that she must either apologise or consider herself dismissed. She was given until noon on the following day to think over these terms. She decided to make no apology, and her father instructed a solicitor to bring an action for salary due. The reply of the education authority was to pay her the amount of salary due to date, plus £5, according to agreement.

CLUB FOR AUSTRALASIANS.

Social Rendezvous for Women Connected with the Antipodes Opened by Countess of Jersey.

The Austral Club, which is a social club intended as a centre for Australasian women in England, whether resident or visitors, and for others not Australasian, who may be connected with Australasia, celebrated its removal from St. James's-court, Buckingham-gate, to 38, Dover-street, Piccadilly, yesterday afternoon, when the clubrooms were thrown open to members and their friends for the first time.

The Countess of Jersey performed the opening ceremony, at which Sir John Cockburn president, and Sir John Forrest, the Federal Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, who is on a short visit to England, proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Jersey.

Australasia is famous for its singers, and Miss Ada Crossley, the distinguished Australian contralto, sang to a distinguished company, which included many who had known her in the "home-land."

REPENTANT WIDOW'S CLAIM.

Admits That She Advanced Money for Her Second Husband's Wedding Suit.

Mrs. Ellen McCullagh has been awarded £50 by a jury at the Tyrone Assizes against her own husband, Francis McCullagh, under singular circumstances.

When Mrs. McCullagh met Mr. McCullagh she was a widow with three children; he was a widower with a family of four daughters.

He was so much in debt that he was threatened with ejection, and he courted the widow and married her in 1903. She returned his affection to the extent of advancing him £5 with which to buy his wedding suit, and lent him £1 with which to pay the clergyman. During their married life she lent him £100, but, on leaving him, took away two cows.

In the course of the cross-examination Mrs. McCullagh was asked: Now in your bill you charge your husband with money advanced for a suit of clothes to be married in. Surely you did not intend to get a church and marry a man who had no clothes?—No.

LORD WESTBURY'S WIN AT MONTE CARLO.

Lord Westbury has just won £4,800 at roulette at Monte Carlo.

His lordship, who retired as a lieutenant from the Scots Guards in 1879, is the third baron, and his country seat is Wenmerrill Hall, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Durham.

LIVERPOOL MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

Liverpool police yesterday issued notices asking for information that will assist them in finding the murderer of a boy of twelve, in broad daylight, last Saturday, in a field at Anfield, a densely-populated district.

HIRE SYSTEM CASE.

Mr. Dickens Gallantly Confesses
Miss Jewell Scored Off Him.

SEVENTH DAY.

Ertzman, Oatsman, Wetsman, Ehtsman, Utsman.

These pronunciations of the name of Messrs. Oetzmann, defendants in the furniture case now being tried before Mr. Justice Bucknill, all have their supporters among witnesses and counsel. And, to add even further variety, the permutations of the above, such as Wetsman, Ertzman, Oatsman, etc., etc., are occasionally favoured.

The list of possible pronunciations is almost as long as the case itself, which has now reached the middle of its second week, and looks likely to rival the three weeks of the Hartopp case.

An important landmark was reached yesterday—the closing of the case for Miss Ellen Jewell and Miss Annie Jewell, the plaintiffs, and the opening of the defendants' case by Mr. Dickens, K.C.

Complimented by K.C.

That good-natured counsel paid his antagonist in the duel of question and repartee of last week a great compliment.

"She kept trying to score off me," said Mr. Dickens, "and she did score off me."

"But," counsel then added, "she did not know how much she was helping my case by being so astute."

This case Mr. Dickens partly outlined during the hour and half at disposal. His points were:—There had undoubtedly been some wrongful seizures of goods, not involved in agreements, by over-zealous workmen, but this excess could receive its proper compensation.

The important point at issue was: Were Messrs. Oetzmann guilty of fraudulent conduct in the matter of the agreements? Mr. Dickens contended that these agreements were perfectly fair, and that the plaintiffs were well aware of the nature of that which they bound themselves.

Astute Evasions.

Miss Ellen Jewell's astute evasions showed that she was not to be relied upon when she said that she did not understand the agreements.

No suggestion of trickery had been made for seven years, and it was only when the plaintiffs found that they were not prospering that they wished to reopen the question of their bargain with Messrs. Oetzmann.

Mr. Dickens had just begun to enter into a detailed analysis of his case when the Court rose.

PLATELAYER AS POET.

One of His Effusions Assists His Jilted Sweetheart To Obtain Damages for Breach of Promise.

One never can tell what there may be in store. Or if coming events cast their shadows before. So in case cruel fortune won't let us run double, I think this may save the poor jury some trouble.

Such was the effusion which James Daniels, a foreman platerlayer on the Cheshire Lines Railway, is said to have addressed to Emily Goodier, a cook employed at Knutsford.

Mr. Daniels met Miss Goodier in 1895. Ten years later Daniels proposed, and was accepted, and the prospective bride gave up her situation only to find that her lover was paying attentions to another girl.

When an action for breach of promise was brought in the High Court, Daniels let judgment go by default, and sent his former sweetheart the following Christmas card:—"Damages, one farthing. May no breach occur to the promise of a happy Christmas for you."

Miss Goodier-Sheriff's jury at Chester yesterday awarded the jilted lady £25 damages.

"QUICK CHANGE PICKPOCKET."

Police Allege They Have Captured Clever Rogues Who Robs the Travelling Public.

It was related of one of three men, who were remanded at the Marylebone Police Court yesterday on a charge of attempting to pick pockets, that he effected his object by a quick succession of disguises.

Police-sergeant Hutchins said that the men mingled with the crowds of people waiting for motor-omnibuses in the Edgware-road.

Austin, the man in question, all this time was constantly changing his appearance. At one time he had appeared as a gentleman, wearing kid gloves, and after operating in this guise for a short time he suddenly turned into a downy, removed his gloves, turned up the collar of his coat, and put clay pipe in his mouth, completely disguising himself.

To protest against the hours of working, District Railway men will hold a meeting to-morrow night at Fulham Town Hall, when Mr. T. Davis, M.P., will preside.

DASH FOR FREEDOM.

Convict Tries To Escape in Blinding Snow-storm on Dartmoor.

Dartmoor has once more been the scene of a desperate dash for liberty on the part of one of the convicts incarcerated at that penal settlement.

A man named Smith took advantage of the recent wintry weather to make a bid for freedom, and nearly succeeded in evading the vigilance of the warders.

The field gangs were on their way to work when a blinding snowstorm, such as sometimes sweeps down upon the vast and lonely expanse of Devonshire moorland, enshrouded the little party of warders and convicts.

Smith chose this time to attempt to escape. He broke from the ranks and plunged into a plantation close to the prison walls. In a second he was lost to view. He was at once seized by one of the sergeants of the guard, who fired twice in the direction in which the convict had disappeared.

The warder reloaded, and was about to fire again when there was a shout. Another warder had been also on the alert, and Smith ran into his arms.

The convict was secured, handcuffed, and marched back to goal.

TRADE UNION FUNDS AT STAKE.

House of Lords Consider Claim of Colliery Company for £150,000 from Miners.

Trade unionists are following with anxiety the course of the counsels' debate, begun in the House of Lords yesterday, on the claim of the Cadbury and Denaby Main Collieries Company for £150,000 damages from the Yorkshire Miners' Association.

Mr. Eldon Banks, K.C., for the company, contended that the association was liable for the loss the company received through a long strike, for the officials could have caused the men to go back to work at once by refusing to allow strike pay.

They knew, in this instance, he said, that the men had broken their contracts, and that the payment of money to them was therefore a breach of the rules of the association.

The hearing was adjourned.

MINERS' HOMECOMING.

Dinner in Honour of Chester Men Who Have Been Doing "Chinese Labour."

The five working men of Chester, sent out to the Transvaal by Mr. Mond, M.P. for that city, to work under ordinary mining conditions out there, have carried through their six months' experiment successfully. They landed at Southampton to-day, and will be met by Mr. Mond's election agent and private secretary. On arrival in London they will proceed to the House of Commons, where they will be welcomed by Mr. Mond and other members.

The mode of their homecoming recalls that of many Volunteers during the South African war, for to-morrow they are due at Chester, where a dinner has been arranged in their honour, at which Mr. Mond will preside.

ROBBED A PENSIONER.

Man Pleads That Temptation To Steal Came to Him Through the Post.

A waterman named Giles, who lives in Ilfray-road, Hammersmith, is in receipt of a yearly pension of £20, paid quarterly.

Two instalments were, by mistake, delivered at the house of James McIntosh in the same road, and this wrong delivery was the reason of McIntosh being charged at the West London Police Court with theft.

McIntosh confesses to cashing one of the cheques and trying to negotiate the other. On his behalf, Mr. Hutton expressed his deep contrition. This was a case, said counsel, in which the offender did not seek fraud. Fraud came to him. The first cheque he did not attempt to cash, but when the second came he succumbed to temptation.

McIntosh was given an excellent character, but the magistrate considered the case to be so serious that he felt compelled to pass sentence of one month's hard labour.

TORTURED BY HUSBAND.

An aggrieved wife at the West London Police Court yesterday complained that her husband struck a match and put it to her mouth, burning her lips.

The magistrate granted a separation order, and ordered the man to allow his wife 20s. a week.

THOUSANDS WITNESS EXCITING RESCUE.

In full view of thousands of horrified spectators on London Bridge, a young lighterman fell into the river yesterday, and was rescued, only just in time to save his life, by two boatmen.

GIRL STRIKERS' VICTORY.

Brief Course of Dispute Which Ends in Acceptance of Their Terms.

JOINING A UNION.

Girl strikers, like women suffragists in the political sphere, can sometimes give mere men lessons in the efficacy of prompt and combined action in the industrial world.

Between 400 and 500 of them, employed at the factory of Messrs. Betts and Co., metallic capsule makers, of City-road, E.C., won a victory yesterday after having ceased work for two days.

Excited bands of the girls—very defiant and voluble in the recital of their grievances—thronged City-road, but this effervescence notwithstanding, and although they were without organisation, their case was handled skillfully.

They said it was proposed that those who were engaged in making a special kind of capsule should receive 8d. a thousand, instead of 5d. as before; and that those who obtained 3d. for other kinds should receive 2d.

The firm said that the improvement of conditions and perfection of machinery would allow the girls to earn as much, under the new rates proposed, as they had earned under the old.

Organisers to Rescue.

Two well-known women's trade-union organisers (Miss Tuckwell and Miss Bondfield) came to the aid of the girls. Negotiations began with the visit of a deputation to the firm's manager yesterday.

The girls said they would return to work if 2½d. per thousand were made the minimum wage for embossing. The manager said that if the girls could not earn at piecework the amount they used to, he should reconsider the prices and put them back at the old rate.

These pourparlers were reported to a meeting of the girls, and gravely considered. They decided not to accept the manager's offer, but to insist on their own terms.

So the deputation went back, and their persuasive powers were exercised to such purpose that it was decided they should return to work to-day, 2½d. per thousand capsules having been fixed as the minimum remuneration.

Meantime 200 of the girls have formed a branch of the Gas Workers' and General Labourers' Union.

SNAPSHOT PRIZE-WINNER.

Photographer Who Gains Two Guineas for Picture Judged Best in "Daily Mirror" Competition.

Mr. A. E. Caddick, of Oakland, Burnt Tree, Tipton, for his excellent picture of the felling of a gigantic chimney in the Black Country, which appeared on March 5, has been awarded the two-guinea prize in last week's *Daily Mirror* snapshot competition.

The result of the voting was as follows:—

No. 21—Chimney at the Earl of Dudley's Conveyance Works in the act of falling. Sent by Mr. Caddick.	445
No. 24—The two valves of a Feasless stranded at low water in the Mersey. Sent by Mr. C. H. Walker.	227
No. 23—Raising of a field observatory at Clacton-on-Sea. Sent by Sergeant H. L. Caudle.	213

On pages 8 and 9 to-day will be found the winning photograph sent in yesterday. It shows a wrecked railway coach, the result of the accident which occurred on Monday, a few yards outside Stafford Station, L. and N.W.R.

This interesting snapshot was taken by Mr. A. W. S. Farley, of 72, Wolverhampton-road, Stafford, to whom the daily prize of half a guinea will be sent.

Amateur photographers who wish to enter for the *Daily Mirror* snapshot competition should study the following rules:—

For every photograph used we will pay half a guinea. No negatives should be sent in. Only prints will be considered.

Each photograph should bear upon the back the competitor's name and address and the word "Competition," and be enclosed in an envelope marked "Photograph Competition."

A stamped and addressed envelope must be sent with each photograph if the sender desires it to be returned, but in no case will the Editor be responsible for the loss of photographs.

In order to simplify our system of book-keeping we shall only pay the money on the application of the photographer, who must cut his picture out of the *Daily Mirror*, and send it in with his request for payment.

LEFT THE CHURCH WHEN IT LEFT THEM.

There was no lack of religious feeling among the poor, said the Rev. F. L. Donaldson at St. Stephen's, Walbrook, yesterday, but they simply regarded the Church as their enemy.

The labouring class had been ill-paid, ill-nourished, and ill-housed. They had appealed to the Church, and had only been rebuked; consequently they had turned against it and left it.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

At Byfleet, Surrey, a women's rifle club is being formed, the members of which are to use a special miniature rifle.

The recent vote of the Oxford Union Society removing from its library all books by Guy Thorne was, it is said, illegally brought forward and illegally carried.

Replying to Mr. Remnant, the Prime Minister stated yesterday that he could not hold out any hope of legislation arising out of the findings of the London Traffic Commission.

Councillor Gibson has promised £1,000 to the Durslem (Staffs) Town Council, the interest to be used for providing free meals and clothing for children attending the elementary schools.

Wivelsfield (Sussex) Parish Council finds that its expenses last year only amounted to £118s. 4d., and a councillor remarked at yesterday's meeting that it would be a good thing for the ratepayers throughout the country if other councils were as economical.

In the hope of finding the supposed buried treasure at Cocos Island, which Lord Fitzwilliam's party recently tried to unearth, Mrs. Boswell Hitchcock, of New York, is organising an expedition. Admiral Palliser will, it is stated, accompany the party.

The City Corporation is to be asked to-morrow by the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society to grant permission for the Guildhall to be used for a banquet at which it is proposed to entertain the representatives of the friendly societies of the United Kingdom.

The Queen has ordered shamrock from Lady Limerick's Shamrock Association for distribution to the officers and men of the Irish Guards next Saturday, St. Patrick's Day.

An omnibus proprietor at Hythe, Kent, has written to the town council asking that the practice of tarring dusty roads may be discontinued, because the tar sets up a kind of fever in his horses' fetlocks and legs.

President Roosevelt has reapportioned Ralph Earle Sampson, son of the late Admiral Sampson, a member of the Naval Academy fourth class. Young Sampson recently failed in his naval studies, and fell out of a higher class.

At Blackpool Mr. Hedley Oliver, B.A., summoned for not sending his children to school, said that through a defect in their bones their thighs snapped when they played with other children. The thigh of one had snapped seven times.

The late James Orford, of Suncoft, Co. Kildare, has bequeathed a public-house and a valuable farm to his brother in trust for the latter's eldest son, until the son's marriage, and until he "settled down to a steady life, to the entire satisfaction of his father."

Mr. Asquith has replied to a correspondent to the effect that, owing to the large number of objects of much more pressing national importance for which funds are required, the Government "would not be justified in asking Parliament to subsidise a scheme for a national repertory theatre at the expense of the taxpayer."

FLETCHER MOULTON CASE.



Mrs. Kenneth Grahame, one of the stepdaughters of Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton, who have brought an action against him.

Two young men of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, have invented an electric machine for plucking fowls.

Almed Madrali, the famous Turkish wrestler, has just been presented by his wife with a daughter.

It was stated of Albert Smith who was charged with drunkenness at Marylebone yesterday that he had wasted £1,500 in drink in two years.

Extensive disturbances of the soil in the borough, in the opinion of the Greenwich medical officer, contributed to the recent outbreak of diphtheria.

Four boys were found in a state of exhaustion yesterday in a lodging-house at Birkenhead, owing to an escape of gas, and one of them, Thomas Sherlock, died.

By the fall of a bank yesterday on the Keady and Amagh Railway, Ireland, in course of construction, four men were seriously injured, and one of them succumbed soon afterwards.

In a case at Romford County Court yesterday it was stated that the defendant had been an undertaker, gardener, furniture remover, barber, omnibus driver, engineer, and grocer.

Chicago is alarmed at the slight subsidence of the large Marshall Field Stores—a huge "skyscraper" building—the weight of which is apparently proving too much for foundations undermined by a railway tunnel.

Many Irish banks, including the National Bank, Limited, declining to honour cheques signed in Irish, the Gaelic League of London have transferred their account to an English bank that has acceded to their request.

GERMAN HELP FOR FRANCE.



One of the miners' life-saving corps of Westphalia, who have gone to Courrières to help at the colliery disaster.

"I don't strike my own wife, leave alone another man's," said a defendant at Newport Mon., charged with assault.

No fewer than twenty-four persons have been arrested at Sioux Falls, Dakota, on the charge of murdering a farmer.

Mrs. Rose Davis, a blind beggar at Gloucester, has been charged with attempted suicide and cruelty to twenty-four dogs which she lived in two small rooms. Most of the dogs had to be destroyed.

While the birthrate of London for 1905 was 27.1 per 1,000, or 2.1 per 1,000 below the average of the past ten years, the birthrate for Greenwich, reports the medical officer, was lower still, being only 25.95 per 1,000, a "record."

A train with 100 passengers has been lost for twenty-four hours in snow somewhere between Cheyenne and Bordeaux, Wyoming, all the telegraph lines and signals being blown down in the blizzard and communication stopped.

Hearing that Louisville was a very wicked city, a revivalist at Rutland, Vermont, U.S.A., sent to the postmaster asking for the names of all the unsaved men and women there, as he wished to do what he could to redeem the people. The postmaster sent him a copy of the city directory without comment.

At a meeting of the Ongar Guardians (Essex) yesterday, during a discussion on by-laws relating to peepickers, Mr. Walham, a large peepgiver, said in Essex peepickers were often treated like wild animals, being allowed to sleep on the ground and drink water from tubs in which they also washed their clothes and their persons.

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HOW TO STOP WAR.

THE assistance given by a German coalmine salvage corps to the French authorities who are getting the bodies out of the awful colliery death-trap at Courrières will do more to banish thoughts of war between France and Germany than any number of Hague Conferences.

You may talk for a week to a man about your desire to be friends with him without producing any effect. Do him one good turn, or show him sympathy in trouble, and you have made him your friend at once.

All France knows this morning how the fearful disaster to her miners has moved Germans, not only to sympathy, but to prompt and effective aid. All Germany knows with what tears of gratitude they were welcomed, how warm the hand-grips that greeted them on their errand of humanity and practical help.

Can those whose hearts have opened to one another under stress of calamity and emotion ever allow themselves to be set to fight over some question they neither of them know anything about? Surely not.

But if their rulers demand it of them? The French people are their own rulers. The German people have an Emperor who pretends to rule by divine will, but in reality he can do nothing except by their will. As soon as the Foreign Offices and War Offices see that nations are not inclined to fight, they will no longer stir up trouble.

If it is true that the Kaiser urged the German salvage corps to go to Courrières, he has done a good day's work for Peace. All honour to him! H.

A MIDDLE-CLASS PARTY.

It is difficult to believe that the meeting to be held to-morrow at the Cannon-street Hotel will do very much towards "organising the middle-class."

To begin with, it is not quite clear what that vague phrase means. The promoters of the meeting apparently desire to found a middle-class party, on the lines of the Labour Party, which shall protect the interests of the people who earn their living in black coats, by getting them directly represented in Parliament. But what would their representatives have to pledge themselves to do?

First of all, to get the income-tax reduced. That certainly presses heavily and unfairly upon the middle-class. In addition to making them pay rates and indirect taxation upon their tobacco and wines, the community seizes a shilling out of every sovereign they earn.

The gross injustice of this tax is that it makes no distinction between the man who draws £1,000 in dividends upon inherited capital and the man who painfully makes £1,000 a year by the sweat of his brain. The Middle-class Members, as they would presumably be called, would make the income-tax their first object of attack.

But after that? Is there any other question which specially interests the top-hatted slave of the desk as distinct from the corduroy-clad slave of the time-whistle? No. Their interests are identical, however much they may seem on the surface to differ. What hurts one hurts the other. What benefits one must in the long run benefit both.

If we all try to realise that we are members one of another, we shall not want parties to represent this, that and the other class. "Justice for all" should be our aim.

The Labour Party is rapidly living down the accusation of selfishness. It wants to improve conditions and remove grievances all round. Many of its members are really middle-class men. Let the middle-class return M.P.s of this type and they will not have organised in vain. B. R.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

To an ill-conditioned being all pleasure is like delicate wine in a mouth embittered with gall.—*Schopenhauer.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THAT determined seeker after new impressions, Mme. du Gast, has, it seems, not been captured by brigands after all. She probably wishes that the report had been exact, since nothing pleases her so well as an adventure. Of these she has had an enormous number—principally of a motoring kind. As she is extremely well off, she is able to indulge her taste for motoring to the full, and one of her principal amusements is to leave her house in Paris for Versailles, take a cup of tea with a friend, and return to Paris within an hour. The road between Paris and Versailles is, therefore, unsafe when Mme. du Gast is at home.

Needless to say, she has competed in any number of the great motor races. It was always her pride to be able to cover the distance required with an appearance of perfect ease and urbanity. Thus, during the Paris-Berlin contest it was noticed that she appeared at the end of every stage, when halts were made, in hotels for dinner in the most fashionable evening dress. Her maid had, in fact, been

tional Gallery, people will lose all interest in it and not take the trouble to go and inspect this fruit of long argument, bitter recrimination, endless art criticism, and a very large sum of money.

Pictures, when they enter museums, seem to become vaguely municipalised and to lose their interest in the eyes of the great public, just as the standard authors do, whom you see on innumerable library shelves with the ever thickening dust about them—dust more eloquent, as Hallam said, than "the grass that waves over the ruins of Babylon." "Their reputation is always on the increase because they are so little read." Besides, in this case the Velasquez "Venus," poor lady, has really been too persistently discussed.

One critic said the picture was the finest Velasquez out of Spain, and one of the finest in the world. Others pointed out that it had been burnt in a fire. When asked how that could be, since there it undoubtedly was, they seemed to imply that they had meant singed, not burnt. One side in the battle then denied the fact of the singeing,

THE ISOLATION OF GERMANY.



From "Jugend," one of the best of the German satirical papers. Germany is represented as seeing all the other nations turn against her, as they have done at the Morocco Conference; and as saying, "Well, thank Heaven, now we know where we are, at any rate."

sent on in advance with everything that could be wanted.

The tragic death of Mr. Francis Lowrey, whose body was discovered with the throat cut in his rooms in the Temple, will remind many of the people who perhaps may not have known him intimately that he and Mrs. Lowrey once lived in the famous Queen's House, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea, where the pre-Raphaelite plots were laid, and where Rossetti passed the greater part of his life. In the long room on the first floor, with its fine view over the river, Mrs. Lowrey used to give very delightful, informal receptions, and on the stage built up at the end of the room many interesting dramatic experiments were made.

Thus, the only performance ever given in England, I think, of Maeterlinck's forbidden "Monna Vanna" took place here, with Mme. Georgette Leblanc, the author's wife, in the chief part. This house of many memories has, by the way, been a good deal altered since the pre-Raphaelite time. There used to be a much larger garden at the back, which sufficed for Rossetti's walks, since he never stirred out of it, and out of the house, during the closing years of his life, when any contact with strangers seemed to torture him.

The authorities of the National Art Collections Fund gave a final exhibition of the Rokeby Velasquez at the New Gallery last night, perhaps moved by the conviction that, when it is at last placed in the limbo of a museum, or on the walls of the Na-

tureupon the others said that they detected a smell on the canvas. They must have been led by imagination, however, acting forcibly upon their noses, because it has now been proved conclusively that the picture was never in a fire at all. That is satisfactory because, had any doubt remained, we might have seen experts sniffing the picture in crowds at the National Gallery, which would have been undignified.

A Berlin doctor has aroused the greatest indignation in scientific circles all over Germany by inoculating patients at the Breslau Hospital with the germs of disease, invoking the interests of science, no doubt, as a justification for the action. One might adapt Mme. Roland's celebrated invocation to Liberty to this case, and exclaim: "Science, what crimes are committed in thy name!"

Nevertheless, when the operation is undertaken with a thorough sense of responsibility, an interesting "question of conscience" arises—the old question whether an individual may be sacrificed for the probable, though by no means certain, interests of humanity. That was the subject of a very effective French play, by M. François de Curel, called "The New Idol," produced at Antoine's Theatre, in Paris, a few years ago. It told the story of a doctor who inoculates with cancer a patient whom he believes to be already in the clutch of a quite incurable disease. Unfortunately, the patient—a beautiful young girl—recovers, and the doctor has to face the fact that, through him, she carries the seeds of destruction within her.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

LENTEN DIET.

The season of Lent must be regarded by many of both sexes with mixed feelings. Many good Christian folk will wonder if they can leave off flesh-meat and yet maintain unimpaired their physical and mental efficiency; many good Churchwomen if they can produce a sufficient variety of nourishing and appetising dishes. The answer to both is an emphatic "Yes."

As one who faces sumptuously on a Lenten diet all the year round, I would recommend to those who are anxious to maintain a clear conscience and a healthy organism, a book, by Mr. Sidney Beard, called "A Comprehensive Guide-Book to Natural, Hygienic, and Humane Diet," published by the Order of the Golden Age, Paignton, Devon. By its aid the difficulties of Lenten fare can be faced with equanimity, and the change from a carnivorous to a pure and humane diet made with ease and relish.

The Order of the Golden Age is a philanthropic society, which exists to propagate a return to the natural and ancient food of our race, and I can assure my brothers, Cleric and lay, that some most interesting and suggestive information would result from communication opened up with it regarding a question which is daily assuming greater importance, both in the Church and in the world at large. A. M. MITCHELL.

Burton Wood Vicarage, Newton-le-Willows.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

Women may indeed, with all truthfulness, be termed the weaker sex, for it seems beyond their comprehension to know their own place in the world.

Let woman mind her own business—which is her own fireside, husband, and children—and try, by her example and influence, to teach them the right and beautiful side of life. She will find it no easy task.

Most mothers find it very difficult to teach their children what is good, and to cultivate in them sound, broad, and merciful views of life. It is a far nobler task than clamouring to have a voice in affairs of which she knows little or next to nothing when her views are probed to the foundation. Cullercoats, N.B. B. T.

BOYS' BRIGADE DISAPPROVED.

In your issue of Saturday you state that "the London Trades Council will impress on trade unions the advisability of organising youths by means of social and educational clubs to counteract the influence of boys' brigades."

As an officer of the Boys' Brigade, I should like to say that its object is "The advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys, the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."

With this object brought to bear on the boys of the brigade, resulting (as I and many others know) only to their benefit, I should like to know what the influence is that needs countervailing. Chertsey-road, Leytonstone. AN OFFICER.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P.

HIS amendment to Sir James Kitson's free trade resolution maintained that "neither free trade nor protection would enable the country to solve the grave problem of poverty with which it is faced." For the first time, then, since the present Parliament opened, the Independent Labour Party, in the person of its chairman, has formally stated its attitude towards the question that has divided English politicians for so long.

Mr. Snowden became chairman of his party in 1903. He is the son of an operative weaver of Cowling, and he was brought up almost entirely in Yorkshire. The outward incidents of his career, however, are less important than a certain inward "crisis," a revolution in thought, which made him the man he is.

While in the service of the Board of Inland Revenue—he was a more Radical then—he had a serious bicycle accident, which affected his spine and condemned him to months of inactivity in bed. As he lay still he read much on social subjects, had time to weigh this side with that, and finally became a convinced and uncompromising Socialist.

Since then he has bent to the uphill work before him, and has scarcely any equal now, amongst men of his belief, as a powerful and successful fighter.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 13.—It is almost impossible to have too many climbing plants in a garden. No fence, arbour, wall or shed should be allowed to remain bare. The Clematis montana is seen far too seldom—many people seem to think that the popular purple Jackmanni is the only variety worth growing. The montana is a very quick grower (flourish anywhere, its festoons of anemone-like blossoms making a beautiful display in May and June).

The Banksian rose (yellow or white) is a splendid wall-climber, and needs little pruning. It must have, however, a hot south aspect.

And every garden should have some everlasting plants. The white, pink, and rose kinds are all truly lovely plants. E. F. T.

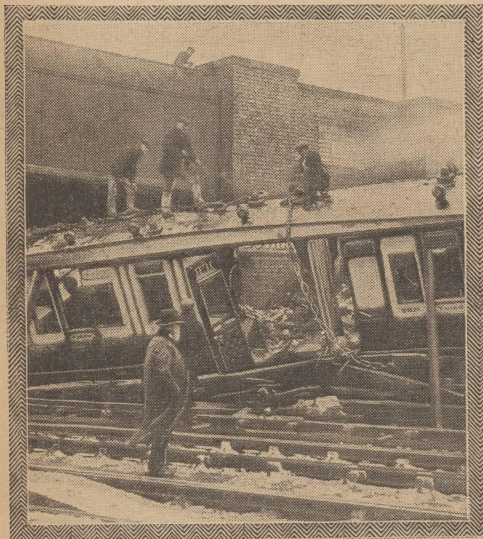
NEWS VIEWS

STATUE OF THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE.



Captain Adrian Jones at work modelling the statue of the Duke of Cambridge, to be placed in Whitehall by the new War Office. At the back is a live horse, which serves as a model for the Duke's charger.

No. 30.—AMATEUR COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the *Daily Mirror*. For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by our readers to be the best. No. 30, sent in by Mr. A. W. S. Furley, 72, Wolverhampton-road, Stafford, is a capital news picture, as it shows the carriage in which a passenger had his leg broken by the accident to the London and North-Western express at Stafford Station.

ENGLISH LADIES BEAT SCOTLAND AT HOCKEY.



By 4 goals to 1 the ladies of England defeated Scotland at hockey on the Old Deer Park at Richmond. Miss F. A. Mack, at full-back, and Miss Johnston, in goal, contributed greatly to the success of England.

HUNTING FIELD MISHAP.



While riding at full gallop with the Grafton Hounds, of which Lord Southampton is master, Lady Southampton's horse fell and rolled on her. She was quickly rescued, when it was found that, although stunned, no bones were broken.—(Kate Pragnell.)

WRECK OF THE MAID OF KENT.



In the northerly gale the Maid of Kent ketch went ashore to the south of Bridlington, and has since become a total wreck. The crew were saved by a cable.

OFFICERS PLAY SKELETON



General Sir Alfred Turner and sixteen officers of the 1st and 2nd divisions, comprising 60,000 men and eleven guns. (1) Major-General Turner (in front of the party were entertained to lunch by Mrs. F. A. Mack, at full-back, and Miss Johnston, in goal, contributed greatly to the success of England.) (2) Major-General Turner (marked with a cross) held a council of war; (3) Mrs. Halford, of Hill; (4) Major-General Turner; (5) Major-General Turner; (6) Major-General Turner; (7) during an interval in the operations the ch...

GAME at ST. ALBANS



carrying out a practical war game with imagi-
thus each officer represented 3,700 men and
stace Balfour leaving Hill End Farm, where
Eustace Balfour studies the position; (3)
the commander of the Reds; (4) the Blues
commanding remounts at Hill End Farm;
race between the officers; (5) the Reds hurry
Sandridge.

ATHLETIC SPORTS AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.



Results at the Cambridge University sports gave promise
of a capital team of representatives being available to
compete against Oxford at Queen's Club on March 24.
Above is S. Abrahams (Emmanuel) clearing 21ft. 3in. in
the long jump. He was second to K. G. McLeod.



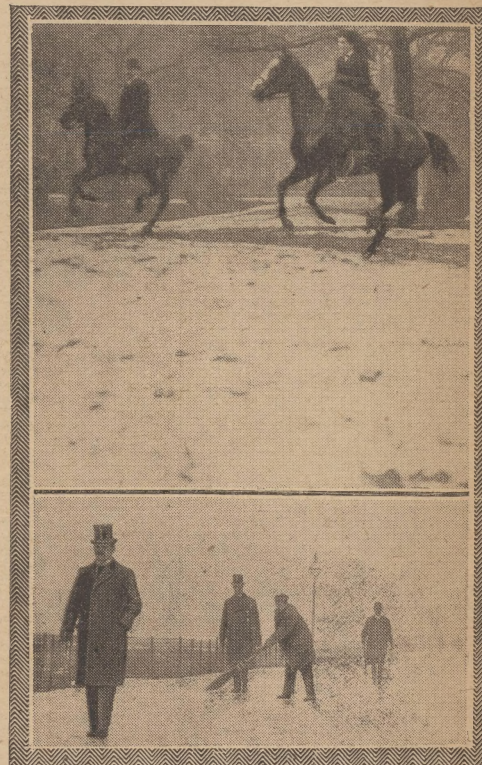
T. G. Masters (Selwyn), on the left, winning the hammer
throw, with 127ft. 11in. The photograph gives an excel-
lent study in expression. On the right, the same man
has stepped out of the circle, and thus made a "no throw."



E. H. Ryle (Trinity), son of the Bishop of Winchester,
winning the quarter, with R. Horsfield (Trinity) second.
Both men, as seen in the photograph, are greatly dis-
tressed.

CAMERAGRAPHS

HYDE PARK SNOW-COVERED.



It is only after London has tasted the joys of early spring that real
wintry weather has arrived. Yesterday Hyde Park was under a
thick mantle of snow. Above is a photograph of Rotten Row, and
underneath the walk across the Park to the Marble Arch.

TREES OF REFUGE AT RICHMOND.



At high tide at Richmond the Old Deer Park was flooded, and two
gentlemen and a policeman had to climb these trees and remain
there several hours.

By Right of Love.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

PAUL CHESTER, a clever, handsome young man, with great political ambitions.
LADY SUSAN CHESTER, his wife.
THE DUKE and DUCHESS OF BERKSHIRE, the coming Prime Minister and his beautiful wife.
RUPERT TEMPLE, the Duke's private secretary.
LORD ROBERT AYLMER, cousin to Lady Susan Chester, whom he loves.

CHAPTER XXII. (continued).

"Mr. Chester is making a marvellous recovery." Nurse Janet came up to Susan and whispered the words cheerfully in the other's ear. "I never thought myself that he would pull through, as he's going to do now," she went on. "Concussion of the brain is such a dreadful thing. How thankful you must be feeling, Lady Susan."

She glanced at Susan a little curiously, for the young wife's manner puzzled her a little. She had never shed a tear during the suspense of the last three days—her composure had been extraordinary. Very different from the Duchess who had wearied Nurse Janet to death with her constant inquiries after the patient—her feverish appeals to be told the real truth about his condition. And Henrietta had attacked the night nurse in the same manner, for both women had compared notes, and they had come to the same conclusion, namely, that if Henrietta inquired too much after Chester his wife inquired far too little.

Henrietta was at the door now. She stood on the threshold, wearing some soft, purple-hued dress which fitted her figure like a sheath and accentuated the glory of her hair, and, as though to match the colour of her gown, her hands were full of violets—violets, fragrant, sweet, and moist. "May I come in, Nurse?" she asked quickly. "I have brought your patient some flowers." Then, without waiting for an answer, she closed the door behind her and advanced rapidly towards the bed, her eyes fixed upon Chester.

Susan bit her lip as the other woman swept up to her husband's side, but she said nothing, for, after all, what could she say? It was only natural, from a conventional point of view, that the Duchess should come to inquire after the guest whose death she had so nearly been responsible for. And why shouldn't she give him violets?

"Look! I have brought you these dear things." Henrietta held out her great fragrant posy to Chester, and smiled on him—her wonderful, curious smile—and as the scent of the flowers reached the sick man's nostrils he smiled back, for the perfume of the violets had a meaning of their own—a subtle and intoxicating message, or was it the perfume of Henrietta's hair he smelt.

All at once he felt an extraordinary and oppressive humility creeping over him. Hitherto he had fancied himself master supreme of the universe, and had always ruled it in his dreams—a king of men. But to-day—to-day—he was mysteriously, drowsily conscious that a woman could make him weak if she chose—weak as water—that is, unless he strove against her sweet witchery, armed himself in austerity, and turned his gaze from her beauty.

"How kind of you to bring me flowers," he murmured slowly, then nodded his lids. "I feel tired, so very tired," he muttered.

He spoke as he did, because he was afraid to stare at Henrietta any longer; also why had her eyes grown so tender, so wistful? He was afraid of her. She had suddenly developed into an unknown power—she appeared as some fateful and forceful personality, and yet what a delicious atmosphere she had brought into the room! She had performed it—sweetened it—only he didn't want her to stay a second longer, for his head swam as if he had been drinking over-strong wine. Everything was swimming round him; all his old ideals and dreams were drifting away, his strong ambitions, his almost brutal obstinacy, even his decided views on the subject of matrimony, and the duty a man owes his neighbour were deserting him.

"You're tired—of course, you're tired! It was cruel of me to disturb you! Sleep is the best thing for you—sleep!"

Her voice, which was hardly so much a voice as a languorous whisper, fell softly upon his ears, then he heard her trail away from his bedside, and he guessed that she was crossing the room to the door, but she had left her violets on his pillow.

He made a feeble movement of his body, and managed to turn his head, so that his cheek rested against the flowers, then he lay back inhaling their odour, dreamily conscious that her hands had touched them—that they were her gift to him.

He opened his eyes to see Susan standing stern and pale by his bedside. She had suddenly stepped across and taken Henrietta's place. She looked as if she was about to snatch up the posy, but he signed to her to let the flowers be. He wanted to rest a little longer with his cheek pressed against their moist, purple, for their fragrance was wonderfully sweet, ineffably precious.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Henrietta, making her slow way down the passage, was startled by the sound of pursuing footsteps. She turned her head to observe Susan coming up behind her.

For a second she felt a little startled. There was a look which she couldn't quite fathom on the

other's white set face. She wondered if Chester's wife was going to make a scene—show the jealousy she must be feeling, and it was with delicately raised eyebrows that Henrietta turned and faced her guest, for she had determined to ridicule and make mock of the other woman if Susan made the least approach to a scene.

Henrietta need not have been afraid. Lady Susan had repeated bitterly enough the wild words she had uttered when she had accused the Duchess of stealing her husband from her, and she had determined that she would never refer to the subject again, but it remained to be seen if she would stick to this resolution.

"Is anything the matter? What do you want, dear Lady Susan?"

Henrietta held out her hands with the prettiest smile in the world, and the gesture was meant to imply that she would bestow the half of her kingdom on Susan, if the other needed it.

Susan drew back a little. All her colour had deserted her, and she was deadly pale, as much a woman of snow as when Rupert Temple had driven her in his motor-car through the mists and shadows of the night, and all the life appeared to be frozen in her face—all the girlishness—all the youth—but there was a strange dignity in her manner as she addressed Henrietta—a severe composure.

"I hurried after you to say that I feel that there is no longer any necessity for me to stay on at Helmsworth." Her voice was as frozen as her face. "My husband is much better—no longer in extreme danger, and I do not care to trespass on your hospitality."

"But, dear creature—" Henrietta interrupted her quickly, "don't you know that I just love to have you here? Besides, think how Mr. Chester will miss you during the dull days of his convalescence if you are not with him."

"My husband won't miss me!" Susan said the words very slowly, very distinctly, then she raised her eyes and looked the other woman full in the face. "You did not invite me here with Paul in the first instance," she went on quietly. "You asked him down alone. That is one of my reasons for wishing to return to my own home—once."

"Don't let us stand here talking in the passage," muttered Henrietta, with a crinkling up of her brow, a knotting of her forehead into small lines. "Your rooms are here to the right, aren't they? Let us go in and have a chat."

"As you will," returned Susan sternly. It gave her a flash of bitter amusement to notice how desirous Henrietta was that their conversation should not be overheard. Not that she, for her part, had much to say to the Duchess. Still, she followed Henrietta down the passage till she came to the suite of rooms which had been allotted to her at Helmsworth. A pretty bedroom, dressing-room, and boudoir, with a room for her maid beyond.

The two women entered the tiny boudoir, and Henrietta glanced about her with the affectation of the hostess, as though to note whether there was a sufficiency of writing-paper in the open silver case, and if the vases were filled with flowers, and that a supply of the morning papers had been brought up.

"Do tell me, dear thing, if you have got everything you want?" she murmured, putting a cushion straight in a big armchair drawn up to the fireplace—a lace cushion all tied up with pale blue bows, a lovely, expensive thing.

Susan smiled, a set, stern smile.

"Why do you want to act with me?" she asked quietly. "We are not the mere hostess and guest. I am a woman who, by no choice of my own, has had to come to a house where I am most unwelcome—a house I am anxious to leave as soon as possible. Can I have a carriage to catch the 3.30 train by?"

"Oh, certainly, if you really want to go," Henrietta flushed a pale pink, then she raised big, appealing eyes. "Why do you hate me so, Lady Susan?" she asked. "I really like your husband, and I am honestly trying to help him towards a great future, and what have you ever done towards aiding him on to success? You have merely folded your hands and left him alone, yet directly another woman comes forward, and tries to be of some service, you get jealous."

She ended her speech with a note of delicate mockery.

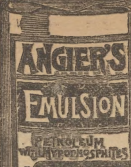
Susan quivered. There was a certain amount of truth in what this woman had said. Henrietta had it in her power to help Chester towards the goal he coveted—to help him as his wife had never done, but she tried to do. Was it possible that she meant honestly to be Paul's friend? Had Susan mistaken the other's aim and object?

"Duchess"—her voice was very low, her eyes downcast—"will you answer me the blunt truth, speak frankly as woman to woman? Is your interest in my husband on a political? Did you ask him down here because you really wanted to help him on to greatness—to success, or because he interested you as a mere man? Oh, for God's sake, the truth!"

She paused, clasped her hands tightly together, and glanced longingly at Henrietta.

"I swear I'll keep your answer to myself," she added. "You may trust me as to that. But tell me—oh, you must tell me! you shall tell me"—her voice grew fierce and intense—"what do you want to make of Paul, a great man, or a thing of straw—of shame?"

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THE MONEY MARKET.

Failure of a Little Scheme of the
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CAPEL COURT, Tuesday Evening.—It did not take very much to upset the stock markets yesterday and to-day. The recovery had brought in the usual crop of buyers, and very quickly sellers took their place. Especially was this the case to-day, for opinions were expressed that the Morocco Conference news was not so satisfactory, and the money news was certainly less hopeful. But in the afternoon there was a disposition to take a less serious view of the American gold demand which has sprung up, and about which such a parade was made yesterday, when New York secured £250,000 in London.

The enterprising Yankee financier is rather in a muddle on Wall Street. There are "bears" about trying to gun for him. He wants to get his American public to buy, and would very much like London to be buying, too. And there is trouble if the Pennsylvania coal strike comes along and with it one or two other awkward points.

WHY NEW YORK BUYS GOLD.

Here, then, is the trouble, and what is to be done? So apparently this astute Yankee financier bethought himself of a brilliant idea. The great thing was to show an improving money position in New York. Exchange was just in the position to help him, and if he could only show a demand for gold by New York, and the drawing of gold from Europe to that centre, he might turn the fire on the "bears" to his own material profit. So the bankers tell us that yesterday's quarter of a million of gold for New York was a purely artificial movement paid for at a loss by New York financial interests.

Indeed, they say that New York will take very little more gold at the price they had to pay for it yesterday. And the comical part of the whole business is that it really does not seem to have helped the American market.

CONFIDENCE IN ARGENTINE HARVEST.

Consols, which at first looked a little shaky, closed above the worst, at 90 9-16, when the truth about this American gold demand became more evident.

Home Rails were sold by the profit-takers, and did not look well, though the traffics in the afternoon helped to save the situation. The South Eastern-Chatham result was a splendid one, and the small Great Eastern increase was also liked.

Canadian Rails were offered at first, but they attempted to rally them later. Taking Foreign Rails as a whole they were not quite so good. For instance, there was profit-taking in the Mexican division. But the Argentine section was not at all bad, for confidence was felt in the harvest position, and the good Argentine Great Western traffic to-day was held to promise well for the future. They continue to buy Ottoman Rails in face of falling traffics. San Paulos were rather dull, although the dividend figures were quite up to recent expectations.

FEARS OF THE KAFFIR MARKET.

The new Peruvian Loan, it is said, will be issued at 96, when it makes its appearance. It is, of course, known that it will be a loan for £2,000,000 of Six per Cents., and the position of the Peruvian Corporation is supposed to be safeguarded. That is why there is buying of its stocks on any setback. Generally speaking Paris showed no disposition to fear the Algeciras position in regard to Morocco, and Foreigners, as a whole, were firm. It seems to be thought by some people that the new Argentine President will favour a settlement of the Provincial Cédulas matter, and so Cédulas were rigged up to-day.

Kaffirs were still heavy, and the market is afraid of the Chinese labour position, and does not know what to make of it. Naturally, therefore, there is no inducement to buy. And West Africans suffer because of Mr. Lowrey's suicide, as he was so intimately interested in several West African ventures.

The serious Broken Hill fire interferes with the Broken Hill group, and elsewhere one or two of the gambling shares which were hoisted yesterday on various items of good news, such as Utah Apex, were not so good to-day. Boston Coppers were sold on rumours of a hitch in the deal with the Utah. Le Rois were one of the few exceptionally good spots.

TO STOP MOTOR TRAFFIC NOISE.

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Miss Beatrice Terry is a tall and stately girl, only fifteen years of age, with beautiful auburn hair, and "A Judge's Memory" is the play that velvet how beneath with ends that hang at the back.

This is one of the dresses that will be seen sketched on this page, and the other is the muslin gown worn by Miss Beatrice Terry in Act 2, a pretty frock sprinkled all over with pale pink roses. The vest is of tucked chiffon, and the waist-belt that is repeated on the sleeves.

In addition to these two toilettes, several other pretty gowns fall to the share of Miss Beatrice Terry. In the second scene of Act 2 a simple evening dress of white silk is worn, with a lace collar sequined with gold and edged with frills. The skirt, which is full, has an edge of sequined gold lace and three frills upon it.

As well as a dark blue riding habit, worn with a straw hat, there is a green tweed coat and skirt costume, with a leather waist-belt, cuffs, and



On the left Miss Beatrice Terry's muslin dress, patterned with pale pink roses and completed by means of a broad waist-belt of green satin and sleeve bracelets to match. On the right the dress worn in Act 1, the first long frock Miss Beatrice Terry has ever worn, made of bright blue cloth, with a broderie Anglaise vest and sleeves.

will remain in her memory for a long time to come, for it is the first occasion on which she has worn long dresses. What an event that is in a girl's life I need scarcely point out.

Miss Beatrice Terry's first appearance in Act 1, in Mr. Nash's office, reveals her wearing a bright blue cloth gown, with a vest and sleeves of broderie Anglaise, straps of cloth across the shoulders holding up the plastron front of the bodice and giving it a pinafore effect. The waist is belted by a broad ceinture completed by a large buckle in front, and round the throat a necklace of blue beads is worn.

The skirt is cut perfectly plain on the hips, and is modelled on very simple lines, with groups of buttons in sets of three outlining the plastron front. The hat, which is decorated with roses and lilies, has a lace edging upon the brim and a big blue buttons, and a green hat to match with a quill in it; and an evening toilette made of pale blue crepe de Chine, with a broad band of taffetas at the edge of the skirt, and becoming little elbow sleeves—altogether quite a repertoire in modes and millinery for the young actress!

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